

SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

PRE-K-K

PICTURE BOOK

Hedgehog Needs a Hug

by Jen Betton

Book Description: Hedgehog needs a hug to cheer him up! But no one wants to wrap their arms around Hedgehog's prickles. A story of empathy and kindness.

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

Author's Website: jenbetton.com

Knock Knock

by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Guy Francis

Book Description: A bear named Harry tries to settle in for hibernation, but his woodland friends have other ideas.

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: July 31, 2018

Author's Website: tammisauer.com

Lucy and the String

by Vanessa Roeder

Book Description: Lucy finds a string, so she gives it a tug. What does she discover on the other end? A very big surprise.

Author's Residence: Round Rock, Texas

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 7, 2018

Author's Website: vanessaroder.com

GRADES 1-2

EARLY READER

Alexander Hamilton: American Hero

by Barbara Lowell, illustrated by George Ermos

Book Description: From patriot to soldier to secretary of the treasury, Alexander Hamilton helped make America strong. Find out why he is one of America's greatest heroes.

Author's Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Publisher: Penguin Young Readers

Publication Date: June 26, 2018

Author's Website: barbaralowell.com

Nearly Fearless Monkey Pirates: Hunt for the Octo-Shark

by Michael Anthony Steele, illustrated by Pauline Reeves

Book Description: When the rest of the crew doesn't believe the octo-shark is real, Captain Banana Beard insists they hunt for the mythical creature!

Author's Residence: Kerens, Texas

Publisher: Picture Window Books

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

Author's Website: MichaelAnthonySteele.com

FAIRYTALE

The Texas Nutcracker

by Jennifer Coleman, illustrated by Wade Dillon

Book Description: In this Texas-themed retelling of the Nutcracker story, history blends with fiction as a girl and her Nutcracker travel to the Land of the Wildflowers.

Author's Residence: Pflugerville, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

Author's Website: jacobooks.com

PICTURE BOOK

Alligator Jazz

by Samuel E. Pittman II, illustrated by Sheila Bailey

Book Description: Alligator Slim and his sax are a hit at the zoo! But jealous Weasel plans to spoil Slim's success. Will Slim's jazz career be ruined?

Author's Residence: College Station, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Publication Date: October 15, 2018

The Amazing Watercolor Fish/El Asombroso Pez Acuarela (English and Spanish Edition)

by Carolyn Dee Flores

Book Description: In this playful rhyming picture book, two fish imagine a beautiful, mysterious world beyond their bowls.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Piñata Books

Publication Date: October 31, 2018

Author's Website: carolynflores.com

Friends Stick Together

by Hannah E. Harrison

Book Description: Rupert the rhino is refined. Levi, the new tickbird in class, is not, but he's determined to be Rupert's symbiotic best pal anyway.

Author's Residence: Ada, Oklahoma

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 10, 2018

Author's Website: hannaeharrison.com

The Little Red Fort

by Brenda Maier, illustrated by Sonia Sanchez

Book Description: This modern spin on a timeless favorite celebrates the pluck and ingenuity of young creators everywhere.

Author's Residence: Oklahoma

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: March 27, 2018

Author's Website: brendamaier.com

The Potbelly Pig Promise

by Barbara Shepherd, illustrated by David Barrow

Book Description: Dylan promises his autistic friend a picture of a potbelly pig from Grandpa's pig farm. Oops. Grandpa doesn't raise potbellies. Will Dylan keep his promise?

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

Publication Date: January 10, 2018

Author's Website: barbarashepherd.com

The Remember Balloons

by Jessie Oliveros, illustrated by Dana Wulfekotte

Book Description: In a world where memories are kept in balloons, what can James do when Grandpa's balloons start floating away?

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

Author's Website: JessieOliveros.com

Silence Please

by Johnny Ray Moore, illustrated by Tatiana Escallon

Book Description: This collection of poems and illustrations will put readers face-to-face with dreams and unique characters such as a boy and his teddy, a cricket, a singing bee, and a herd of kangaroos.

Illustrator's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: April 10 2018

Illustrator's Website: tatianaescallon.com

Quiet Please, Owen McPhee!

by Trudy Ludwig, illustrated by Patrice Barton

Book Description: An uproarious story with a gentle message about the power of listening—not only with your ears but also with your heart.

Illustrator's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

Illustrator's Website: patricebarton.com

PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY

Irving Berlin: The Immigrant Boy Who Made America Sing

by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by James Rey Sanchez

Book Description: The story of Irving Berlin, who came to America as a five-year-old refugee and grew to write the songs "God Bless America" and "White Christmas."

Author's Residence: Plano, Texas

Publisher: Creston Books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

Author's Website: nancychurnin.com

GRADES 3-5

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Girls Who Code: Lights, Music, Code!

by Jo Whitemore

Book Description: Friends in a coding club must work together to program the lights at the school dance to sync to music . . . while dealing with an interloper.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Penguin Workshop

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

Author's Website: jowhittemore.com

HUMOR

Pierre François: 5th Grade Mishaps

by Lori Ann Stephens, illustrated by Trevor James Yokochi

Book Description: Fifth grade (and overnight Adventure Camp) present hilarious obstacles for Pierre in this adventure that Kirkus Reviews calls "a winning protagonist with a charming setting."

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: Black Rose

Publication Date: January 2018

Author's Website: loriannstephens.com

Upstaged

by Jeff Anderson, illustrated by Andrea Miller

Book Description: Zack wants to win the role of Scrooge in Davy Crockett Middle School's *A Christmas Carol*—and Abhi's admiration—but he's not the only one.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: October 2018

Author's Website: writeguy.net

NONFICTION

To the Moon and Back: My Apollo 11 Adventure

by Buzz Aldrin with Marianne Dyson, paper engineering and design by Bruce Foster

Book Description: In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing, astronaut Buzz Aldrin shares his story through this exclusive pop-up adventure.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Paper Engineer's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: October 16, 2018

Author's Website: mDyson.com

Paper Engineer's Website: paperpops.com

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

Abraham Lincoln's Dueling Words

by Donna Janell Bowman, illustrated by SD Schindler

Book Description: As a young lawyer, Abe Lincoln did something so rascally he was challenged to a duel. The event taught him to be a better man.

Author's Residence: Round Rock, Texas

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Publication Date: April 1, 2018

Author's Website: donnaJanellBowman.com

PICTURE BOOK

Jackson Sundown: Native American Bronco Buster

by Doris Fisher, illustrated by Sarah Cotton

Book Description: A Native American Nez Perce, Jackson Sundown flees the US Army and endures discrimination for years before finally becoming a rodeo champion superstar!

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas
 Publisher: Pelican Publishing
 Publication Date: January 29, 2018
 Author's Website: abcdoris.com

GRADES 6-8

CONTEMPORARY FANTASY

The Boy, the Boat, and the Beast

by Samantha M. Clark

Book Description: A boy wakes alone on a spooky beach and must gather his courage and face his fears if he's going to get home.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: June 26, 2018

Author's Website: samanthamclark.com

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

The Prophet Calls

by Melanie Sumrow

Book Description: Gentry lives in a polygamous community when the Prophet's orders start verging on the extreme. Can Gentry protect herself and her family from the Prophet?

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: November 6, 2018

Author's Website: melaniesumrow.com

HISTORICAL FICTION

The Colors of the Rain

by RL Toalson

Book Description: Set during the 1972 desegregation battles in Houston, Texas, this novel-in-verse is about a boy and his family dealing with loss, dark secrets, and restoration.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Yellow Jacket

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

Author's Website: www.rltoalson.com

NONFICTION

Amazing Texas Girls

by Mary Dodson Wade

Book Description: Fifteen women, born in Texas or arriving as young persons, come alive to tell the accomplishments of individuals from different cultures, abilities, and ambitions.

Author's Residence: Texas

Publisher: Lone Star Press

Publication Date: March 2018

Author's Website: marydwade.com

Bonnie and Clyde: The Making of a Legend

by Karen Blumenthal

Book Description: A true tale of love, crime, and murder tracing this notorious couple's wild ride and the complicated legacy that survives them.

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

Author's Website: karenblumenthal.com

GRADES 9-12

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Borrowed

by Lucia DiStefano

Book Description: On the anniversary of her heart transplant, seventeen-year-old Linnea discovers that the donor is trying to hijack her life and reclaim the gift.

Author's Residence: Georgetown, Texas

Publisher: Elephant Rock Books

Publication Date: November 16, 2018

Author's Website: LuciaDiStefano.com

The Last Wish of Sasha Cade

by Cheyanne Young

Book Description: Raquel's best friend, Sasha, has died of cancer. Overwhelmed and brokenhearted, Raquel can't even imagine life without her. And then a letter from Sasha arrives.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: KCP Loft

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

Author's Website: CheyanneYoung.com

CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE FICTION

Road to Eugenica

by AM Rose

Book Description: Yesterday, Drea couldn't do anything spectacular. Today, she's smarter than Google and can fight like a boss. She'll push her skills to their limit as she uncovers...Eugenica.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Entangled Teen

Publication Date: February 5, 2018

Author's Website: amroseauthor.com

HISTORICAL FICTION

In Another Time

by Caroline Leech

Book Description: WW2—a teenage girl joins the Women's Timber Corps as a lumberjill and finds independence, friendship, and perhaps love in the forests of the Scottish Highlands.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: HarperTeen

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

Author's Website: carolineleech.com

REALISTIC FICTION

Hearts Unbroken

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Book Description: Two student journalists, one Native and one Arab American, are assigned to cover the controversy over the diverse casting of their high school musical.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

Author's Website: cynthialeitichsmith.com

Titanic Summer

by **Russell J. Sanders**

Book Description: Jake Hardy struggles to accept his gay identity amidst the fight for the Houston Equal Right Ordinance, Summer 2015.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

Author's Website: russelljsanders.weebly.com

You Can't Tell by Looking

by **Russell J. Sanders**

Book Description: Two high school boys, one Methodist, one Muslim, fall in love.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

Author's Website: russelljsanders.weebly.com

ROMANCE

Select Few

by **Marit Weisenberg**

Book Description: In this continuation of The Select series, Julia Jaynes searches for her mother and clues to her identity—with Angus, the boy she used to love.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

Author's Website: maritweisenberg.com